

## COMMISSIONER HUGH BONNER DIES SUDDENLY

New York's Most Famous Fireman Expires After Three Days' Illness.

Fire Commissioner Hugh Bonner, who in forty-five years of active service in the city, established a reputation for being one of the most brilliant fire fighters in the world, died at his home, No. 636 West End avenue, of pneumonia early today.

Death found the battle-scarred old veteran as he had often wished it would—in the service of the Fire Department of New York City.

Mr. Bonner, who was appointed to succeed Commissioner Francis J. Lantry on Feb. 11, contracted a cold last Sunday which developed into pneumonia. Despite his sixty-nine years, and his already enfeebled health, he insisted upon remaining at his desk.

"I am all right," he told his friends when they told him he should be home and in bed. "I am not afraid of dying in the harness."

He was finally persuaded to go home Monday afternoon, after all but fainting at his desk. Yesterday afternoon he became unconscious. His family, including his wife and six children, were at his bedside when he breathed his last.

His feebleness was so apparent that he was the subject of numerous anxious inquiries when he took office four weeks ago. The fire Commissioner insisted he was all right, however, and that there was no doubt about his ability to carry on the duties of the office.

"I'd rather die working here than anywhere else," he said.

Mr. Bonner was born in Ireland sixty-nine years ago. He began fighting fires when but fourteen years old, and, with the exception of six years after his retirement as fire chief, remained in active service until the day of his death.

**Fought Fires Since 1853.**  
In March, 1853, a month before the death of his father, he was appointed to the position of fire fighter in the Fire Department, one who knew the battle-scarred old fire fighter asked him:

"Chief, when do you sleep?"  
And the chief's laughing answer was: "Between the acts."

The answer was indicative of the life of Hugh Bonner, to whom the Fire Department of New York City, and, incidentally, the vast property interests that depend upon its protection, owe more than to any other man. It was that quality which kept him "always on the job," and combined with his wit, ability, which brought the ousted old fire fighter back to the business he loved, and hoisted him above the very man who took his place when he retired from the department.

Hugh Bonner was a fire fighter, both by active practice and by "profession." He knew the science of it as well as its actual, everyday hardships and risks. He knew how to think out a purely academic scheme for raising the science of fire fighting, but he also knew how to risk his life if necessary at a blaze and wasn't afraid to do it.

**Mayor Honors Dead Veteran.**  
Mayor McClellan, who ordered the flag on City Hall to be displayed at half-mast out of respect to the late Fire Commissioner, said today:

"More than any other man, Hugh Bonner was responsible for giving to the New York Fire Department the reputation of being the best fire fighting force in the world. He came into the department with the youngsters, and he rose from the ranks on his merits."

"When he was appointed Chief of the Department, all New York said that the right man had been chosen. It was the privilege of my administration to call him back from private life to the service of the department, first as Deputy Commissioner, and then as Commissioner."

"With all of his fellow citizens I lament the loss of the City of New York, and I feel moreover a deep personal regret that my administration is deprived of his invaluable co-operation. In personal valor, in the intelligent handling of men and apparatus as the head of the uniformed force, in the contributions he made to fire fighting and fire prevention, his record stands unchallenged in this country."

"His name and his works will be remembered as long as our Fire Department exists."

## ASK THAT MORSE BE DECLARED TO BE BANKRUPT

Receiver Hanna and Two Bank Employees File Suit Against the Ex-Banker.

Receiver Charles A. Hanna, of the National Bank of North America, Frank C. Pringle and Edward B. Shotwell petitioned Judge Holt, in the United States Circuit Court today to declare Charles W. Morse a bankrupt and appoint a receiver to take charge of his affairs. James M. Gifford, of counsel for Morse, opposed the petition on the ground that the petitioners are not creditors and that their claims are non-liquidatable because they concern stock transactions.

Judge Holt considered the point well taken, and postponed judgment on the petition until the legal standing of the petitioners as creditors is established. Thomas E. Wing appeared for the petitioners.

Receiver Hanna asks that Morse be declared a bankrupt in order to facilitate the collection of a claim for \$203,321.25, loaned to him by the National Bank of North America. The security deposited against the loan, Mr. Hanna alleges, is worth not more than \$50,000.

Pringle and Shotwell, who live in Hackensack, N. J., come into the proceedings in a peculiar way. Pringle was a clerk in the loan department of the National Bank of North America and Shotwell was in charge of the foreign department.

**Bought His Stock.**  
They allege that on or about Feb. 20, 1907, Morse, by false and fraudulent representations induced each of them to purchase thirty shares of the stock of the bank. Pringle and Shotwell paid, they allege, \$8,819.42 each for the stock. They have since elected to return the stock, and have demanded from Morse the purchase price. He has failed to deliver it.

This phase of the bankruptcy proceeding establishes what has been charged against Morse since he failed—that he dragged his own clerks into the meshes of his financial operations.

The petition states that "within four months preceding the filing of the petition on or about Jan. 27, 1908, Morse, while insolvent, committed an act of bankruptcy in that he did, while insolvent, transfer a portion of his property

to one or more of his creditors with intent to prefer such creditors over other creditors."

**Alleged Acts of Bankruptcy.**  
Referring to Morse's acts of bankruptcy, the petition states:

"On or about Jan. 27, 1908, while insolvent, with intent to prefer such creditors over his other creditors, Morse transferred to the Fourteenth Street Bank, a creditor of said Charles W. Morse at that time, and to Philip J. Pitt, another creditor, a large amount of stock and real estate, as collateral security for such pre-existing indebtedness."

"On or about Feb. 5, 1908, while insolvent and with intent to prefer such creditors over his other creditors, he suffered or permitted a judgment to be entered against himself in favor of Robert A. C. Smith, in the sum of \$10,750.66, in an action wherein the said Smith was plaintiff and the said Morse was defendant."

The bankruptcy petition has been ready and in waiting for some weeks. It was drawn and signed many days ago, and has been locked up in the possession of Attorney Wing.

Receiver Hanna has attempted to give Morse every chance that lay within his power to recuperate his financial position and regain his footing, his interest being to get the most money possible for depositors of the National Bank of North America. Morse had many plans, particularly one to have the depositors of the bank underwritten by himself and associates. He conferred with the receiver time and again in the very short time. The receiver waited, and finally, when Morse had obtained a last extension of time, in response to his opportunities and pleading, and

had been unable to produce anything tangible, the petition was filed today.

If the petition of Receiver Hanna and his fellow petitioners is granted, Morse's various transfers of property to preferred creditors within the past four months will be set aside. Had the four months' period been allowed to elapse between any of the transfers and the bankruptcy proceedings, the transfers would have held.

**No Hurry About It.**  
(From the Philadelphia Press.)  
"Of course, Tommy," said the Sunday-school teacher, "you'd like to be an angel, wouldn't you?"

"Well, er—yes'm," replied Tommy, "but I'd like to wait till I can be a full-grown angel with gray whiskers."

THREATENS TO DESTROY DENVER PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

DENVER, Col., March 13.—Gov. Dachtel has received an anonymous letter, in which the writer threatened to destroy the Federal Building and the City Hall in this city unless something is done to relieve the condition of the unemployed in Denver within the next forty-eight hours. The letter was signed "A Republican who has voted under the lash of the master."

Although the Governor did not appear to take the threat seriously it is said that precautions will be taken to keep suspicious characters out of the Capitol and other public buildings.

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